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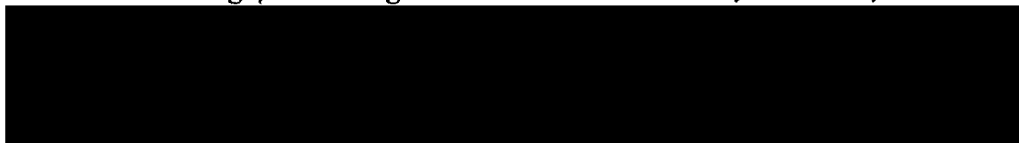
11 July 1963

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting:

a. Larry Houston reported that he met with Congressman L. Mendel Rivers yesterday about our legislation. Congressman Rivers was entirely sympathetic to our proposal and expected to start hearings within a few days. He anticipated that hearings in the House would be completed within a week and didn't think that we would have much of a problem. He suggested that we might have a problem in the Senate since Senator Russell has said that he was not going to have any hearings except on the military pay bill.

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b. Mr. Kirkpatrick announced that the new DD/I Collection Guidance Staff would require a greatly increased number of clearances for sensitive information and that he had asked Bob Bannerman to explore the possibility of distinguishing between "administrative" clearances and "substantive" clearances. This started quite a controversy with Dick Helms speaking out very strongly in opposition to this kind of arrangement. No decision was reached. (I passed this on to Bob Bannerman immediately after the meeting.) Growing out of this conversation, however, the Director



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shortly. (I also passed this on to Bob Bannerman and asked him to start work on the problem.)

2. Bob Bannerman reported that Mr. Kirkpatrick had asked him to do a review of everything we are doing in the "vetting" of our personnel. This is in anticipation of questions we may be asked because of the several recent embarrassing situations in which the [redacted] has found itself. Bob proposed that he prepare an outline and thereafter brief Kirk and me orally. Kirk also called me on this, and I told him that I would sit in with Bob when the briefing takes place. He suggested that [redacted] might also sit in, and I think this is a good idea.

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3. Emmett Echols was in regarding the following:

a. He showed me a proposed letter to the Office of Emergency Planning which will be the first step in phasing out our participation in the OEP Executive Reserve Program. I approved of the letter.

b. Emmett reported that he had a good session with Dick Helms and [REDACTED] in their supergrade promotions. None of those previously recommended are being withdrawn, but some of them are being charged against the pool and the covering memorandum will be a much different and better memorandum when it is resubmitted.

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c. I reminded Emmett that some time ago <sup>he</sup> undertook to review the question [REDACTED] MWAVE, and I requested that this be completed sometime soon.

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